

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 10-11 have not been amended.

In the office action dated June 13, 2006, claims 1-2 and 10-11 were rejected in view of Dill USP 5935026 because the reference allegedly discloses a lacrosse head/shaft that is capable of being length adjusted. Without conceding that Dill contains such a disclosure, Applicant provides the following remarks:

With respect to claims 1 and 10, Dill does not teach or suggest the concept that the length of the lacrosse shaft/stick can be adjusted during a lacrosse game without leaving the playing field. The Dill structure requires the use of separate tools to add or subtract a section to the lacrosse shaft and it requires leaving the lacrosse field during a lacrosse game. Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 are patentable over Dill because, *inter alia*, the claims recite that the length of the lacrosse shaft/stick can be adjusted during a lacrosse game without leaving the playing field.


With respect to Claims 2 and 11, Dill does not teach or suggest the concept that the length of the lacrosse stick can be adjusted during a lacrosse game without the use of separate tools. As noted just above, the Dill structure requires the use of separate tools to add or subtract a section to the lacrosse shaft and it requires leaving the lacrosse field during a lacrosse game. Accordingly, claims 10 and 11 are patentable over Dill because, *inter alia*, the claims recite that the length of the lacrosse shaft/stick can be adjusted during a lacrosse game without use of separate tools.

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The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

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